

Australian - Irish Heritage Association

NOTICE BOARD OF ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets fourth Tuesday of the month with exception of December. At 7.30pm

Sep 26 'Normal People', by Sally Rooney, presented by Gayle Lannon

Oct 24 'Where the Crawdads Sing', by Delia Owens, presented by Grace Toczyłowski

Venue Irish Club Committee Room, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

Admission Free. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Tea and coffee from the Bar \$2

Contact Convener Mary Purcell, m.purcell@telstra.com

The Silver Branch, Sunday October 29



An uplifting and emotional celebration of people and place, which captures the delicacy of the natural world; the heart and soul of a peasant farmer-poet, Patrick McCormack; and the ancient rural spirit of Ireland which stands behind him.

The Story is centred around Patrick and the land, The Burren, County Clare in western Ireland. A wild place where Mesolithic tombs, famine villages and present day small rocky fields are like jewels telling of our long human story on these hills.

Patrick longs to farm in the quite pace his ascendants did. But his life gains a different momentum when he's called to Battle in the Supreme courts to decide on the fate of this iconic wilderness.

Five years in the making this beautiful documentary has been reviewed as 'magical', 'breathtakingly lovely', 'endearing, poetic, sublime'. This film will take you on a hypnotic journey to a place within you that you had long forgotten about. His subject is the relationship between human and the natural, in which he discusses talking to the rocks, woods and streams and "letting nature work on you."

Note – Patrick lives on an organic farm in the house where the sitcom, Father Ted (1995-1998) was shot.

Followed by an Irish afternoon tea and an open microphone discussion.

Date Sunday October 29, 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Venue Irish Club Theatre, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco

Admission AIHA members \$10, Non-members \$15, donation to cover costs including Irish afternoon tea

NOTICES

Vale Colm O'Doherty, (1924-2023), AIHA founding member and literary contributor, Yeats aficionado and editor of Joyce's annual Bloomsday. Tribute will be published in our September Journal.

The Journal – September edition will be mailed to members in early October. Email articles to journal@irishheritage.com.au

Website and Facebook assistance – if you know of someone who can assist with Wordpress for an hour a month we would love to hear from you. Website is currently under review to improve functionality.

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Web Page: <https://irishheritage.com.au/>. Look us up on **Facebook**

AIHA Supports

Radio Fremantle 107.9fm, **Celtic Rambles**, Saturdays 8 to 10 am. New hosts Heather Deighan, president of AIHA and Eoin Kenna. Irish radio with interviews, news items, music and opinions. Email requests to celticrambles@outlook.com

Claddagh Association founded in 1997 is a voluntary, non-profit organisation with Gift Recipient Status. It provides crisis support to people in WA's Irish community in times of hardship and trauma, acting as a safety net for people when they have exhausted all other options. Supported by the Government of Ireland, local Irish organisations and individuals. Seniors Digital Workshops, Visa Clinics, Volunteer opportunities, Seniors lunches, Coach trip to York Tues 12 Sep with lunch at Settlers Tavern. <https://claddagh.org.au/> Membership \$10

Irish Scene free bi-monthly magazine is the go-to source of all activities in WA's Australian Irish community. Check out AIHA regular page. Available from Irish Club and Irish hospitality venues

Fremantle Fenian Festival: info@feniansfestival.com.au To join What's App group text Anne on +61 457 199 953

Irish Club, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco. Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. Bar, Lounge, Kitchen, Theatre, meeting rooms. Weekly quiz Wed 7pm. Monthly Seniors lunch Friday 1 Sep, 12 noon, \$25 buffet, raffle and quiz. Membership renewals now due. Tel 9381 5213 <https://www.facebook.com/irishclubofwa/>

Irish Theatre Players – "By The Bog of Cats" by Marina Carr, directed by Lucy Eyre. Sep 14,15,16, 17 (matinee), 21, 22, 23. \$25/20 conc. www.trybooking.com/ckcos

Royal WA Historical Society – Stirling House 49 Broadway Nedlands. Check website for regular talks and tours, Books & Publications for sale. 9386 3841, www.histwest.org.au Email admin@histwest.org.au

Irish-Australian Arts Round Up monthly newsletter issued by irishfilmfestivalaustralia@gmail.com Look out for Irish Film Festival in Luna Cinema Leederville, Oct 27 to 29

JB Forever 27 Gala Ball in aid of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust and the Claddagh Association WA, Hyatt Regency Perth, Sat Nov 11, 2023. <https://aus.givergy.com/JBForever27GalaBall2023/?controller=tickets>

AIHA 30 years on

Explaining the founding of AIHA, Joe O'Sullivan wrote in The Journal, Vol 2, No 1:

It needs to be said we are not about maudlin sentimentality; we do NOT plan to attract members who pine for a green land faraway, peopled with saints and scholars; we do NOT presume to speak for the Australian-Irish community or any part of it. That, incidentally is why we have added the word HERITAGE to our title. It also reflects our aims and activities. The writer Etsy B. Evans in his book THE IRISH WORLD, has this to say about the Irish: 'The characteristics of Irishness, it seems to me, are a respect for the past, an indifference to the present time, a sense of the unseen world, intellectual curiosity, the gift of poetic imagination, a cynical sense of humour, a brooding melancholy, a subtle conception of what constitutes truth, an ingenious casuistry and a deviousness which are perhaps related to historical experience, and above all, an inexhaustible interest in words, in people and in spiritual matters'.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL was due 1 January, 2023

Family membership \$65 Concession (Centrelink and unwaged students with ID) \$55

Distant (200 kms from Perth) \$45 Membership fee includes tax deductible donation of \$20

Pay Online – you can register your details and pay via <https://irishheritage.com.au/membership/registration/>

Or Bank Transfer: Bank: Commonwealth, BSB: 066-192 Account No: 1054 6502

Members enjoy discounted rates to dinners and functions, exclusive events, quarterly Journal, voting rights, and opportunities to participate in activities which promote an awareness of Australia's Irish Heritage

AIHA Committee

Chairperson – Heather Deighan **Treasurer/ Membership** – Patricia Bratton **Secretary** – Tony Bray

Committee – Peter Conole, Gayle Lannon

Supported by a tier of volunteers. Please talk to us if you are interested in being involved in some way!

Coming Up

- Mary Durack Memorial Lecture, November 19
- Planning meeting Sunday, December 3
- Brendan Award (for outstanding community service) 2022, 2023

Non Political-Non Sectarian-Emphatically Australian

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